Entry of a Ship Carrying Thionyl Chloride into the Indian Ocean

2103. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT and FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item to the effect that a ship "Seacrest Poineer" carrying thionyl chloride has entered the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent such cargo from entering either the Indian Ocean or any Indian ports from environment angle?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thionyl chloride has many industrial uses such as the manufacture of pesticides, engineering plastics and as chlorinating agents and catalysts. It is a widely traded commodity whose import or export is not banned under any international agreement. The question of preventing the entry of Thionyl Chloride to Indian ports, therefore, does not arise.

2104. [*Cancelled.*]

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Madam, I lay on the Table, under section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Notification S.O. No. 408(E), dated the 6th June, 1989, publishing the Delegation of powers vested under section 5 of the said Act, to the Governments of West Bengal and Manipur. [Placed in Library. See No. LT— 8095/89.]

I. Report (for the period from 1st January, 1988 to 31st March, 1989) on the working and activities of the various banks and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I (i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report on the working and activities of the State Bank of India for the period from 1st January, 1988 to 31st March, 1989, together with the Accounts and the Auditors' Report thereon under sub-section (4) of section 40 of the State Bank of India Act, 1955.

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(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports on the working and activities of the following Banks for the period from 1st January, 1988 to 31st March, 1989, together with the Accounts and the Auditors' Report thereon, under sub-section (3) of section 43 of the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959:—

(i) State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

(ii) State Bank of Hyderabad

(iii) State Bank of Indore

(iv) State Bank of Mysore

(v) State Bank of Patiala

(vi) State Bank of Saurashtra

(vii) State Bank of Travancore

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11. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), under sub-section (3) of section 30 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956:—

(i) S.O. No. 310(E), dated the 27th April, 1989, publishing the renewal of recognition of the Gauhati Stock Exchange Limited, Gauhati for a further period of 5 years commencing on the 1st May, 1989 and ending with the 30th April, 1994 in respect of contracts in securities.

(ii) S.O. No. 338(E), dated the 8th May, 1989, publishing the renewal of recognition of the Cochin Stock Exchange Limited, Cochin, for a further period of 5 years commencing on the 10th May, 1989 and ending with the 9th May, 1994 in respect of contracts in securities.

(iii) S.O. No. 395(E), dated the 1st June, 1989, publishing the renewal of recognition of the Uttar Pradesh Stock Exchange Association Limited, Kanpur, for a further period of 5 years commencing on the 3rd June, 1989 and ending with the 2nd June, 1994 in respect of contracts in securities.

(iv) S.O. No. 402(E), dated the 5th June, 1989, publishing the recognition of the Bhubaneswar Stock Exchange Association Limited, Bhubaneswar, for a period of five years commencing on the 5th day of June, 1989 and ending with the 4th day of June, 1994 in respect of contracts in securities.

(v) S.O. No. 403(E), dated the 5th June, 1989, publishing the extension of section 13 of Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 to area covered by the Municipal Corporation of Bhubaneswar in Orissa.

(vi) S.O. No. 535(E), dated the 10th July, 1989, publishing the recognition granted to the Saurashtra Kutch Stock Exchange Limited, Rajkot, for a period of three years commencing on the 10th day of July, 1989 and ending with the 9th day of July, 1992 in respect of contracts in securities.

(vii) S.O. No. 536(E), dated the 10th July, 1989, publishing the extension of section 13 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 to cover areas of Municipal Corporation of Rajkot and Rajkot Urban Development Authority of Gujarat State.

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What do you want to say, Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I am objecting to the laying of papers on banks. Here, in the Order Paper, the Annual Reports together with the Accounts and the Audit Reports of seven nationalised banks are being placed before the House. My objection is, the Audit Reports that are being placed are incomplete and partial. The Accounts of all the branches are not being audited. Only a few accounts of a few branches have been audited and the partial Accounts and the Audit Reports are being passed off as a complete Audit Report of the banks. This is wrong and this is dangerous.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, there is a Committee on Papers to be Laid on the Table. You refer this matter to them. They will look into it.

Notification of the Ministry of Commerce

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, on behalf of **Shri P. R. Das Munshi**, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce Notification S.O. No. 565(E), dated the 21st July, 1989 amending Open General Licence No. 1/88 dated the 30th